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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicants respectfully bring the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. All of these references were either cited or submitted in parent Application No. 09/526,394 and thus copies of these references are not provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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